

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 20, 2014 Meeting

7:30 pm

Attendees: Brig Gen Richard Valente, Edward J. Theberge, Eileen Collins, Steven Thompson, and Pat Read

Absent: John Sheridan

Location: Senior Center, Warren Town Hall

1 - Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Valente

2 - New/ Review Applicants:

1. Barbara Dobbyn – Strip and Reroof 22 Liberty St.

Barbara Dobbyn explained that architectural shingles in a wood-like neutral color are

proposed for her project using the same contractor who did the work on the barn. A

motion to approve the work was made by EC, seconded by ST and unanimously

approved by WVHDC.

2. Sanita and James Chin – Vinyl siding and trim

592 Main Street

James Chin attended to clarify the intended work was on a structure built in 2003 to replace

an historic house which had been demolished. The committee encourages homeowners to fit

with neighbors in an historic district. Having reviewed the situation, inasmuch as it is not an

historic structure, although the WVHDC doesn't recommend vinyl siding, it is not

disapproving it. A motion was made by ET, seconded by ST to approve the permit application.

Because this is a continuing issue based on the Demolition Ordinance, it was suggested to

revisit the issue and reword the Ordinance on the next Agenda.

In addition a letter should be drafted to the Town Building Official concerning the issue.

3. Steve Thompson & Nicholas Heywood – Final approval for Tax Credits

51 Broad Street

Steve Thompson recused himself from the issue as owner.

The work approved earlier this year has been completed including re-siding the front,

east, and west side of the house and replacing the trim with yellow cedar. The missing

window was also reinstated. The project cost was \$5000, less than approved. A motion was

made by EC, seconded by PR, and approved by all for Tax Credits.

3 – Minutes of March 18, 2014:

A motion to accept the minutes was made by EC, seconded by ET, and approved by all.

4 - Old Business:

a. Jamiel property at 421 Main Street

A second letter was sent to Attorney DeSisto with no response received. The Building

Official indicated a complaint from a tenant was required in order for action to be taken, and

that the WWHDC has no standing in the issue. It was suggested to wait until the new

Building Inspector was in place to approach further. Also

proposed was to send a letter to

Town Manager Tom Gordon making him aware of and suggesting he look into the issue with

respect to the correspondence to Anthony DeSisto. This has been going on since 2012, and

previous suggestions to Mr. Jamiel have not met with response. A motion to draft such

a letter was made by ET, seconded by ST, and unanimously approved.

b. Financial Report

1. RV approved the request to pay the secretary \$110 for the month.

2. With the \$180 surplus in the budget, a motion was made by ET, seconded by EC to order 500 envelopes and letterhead at a cost of \$165. Approved unanimously.

c. Status Report

1. Janet Devine – the last letter to J. Devine was February 2013 with no response. A motion

was made by ST, seconded by ET to send a second letter to her stating the WVHDC can't

process her application without proof of payment. It was unanimously approved.

2. Laurent Dallaire – It appears 3 sides of his house have been

Painted. He is in Florida post surgery, so it was moved by ST to put his application on hold until he returns in the summer, seconded by ET, and approved by all. It was noted that an August 2009 letter concerning ownership was incorrectly sent.

5 - New Business:

Barbara Dobbyn submitted her final report for previous work at 22 Liberty, for rebuilding the bulkhead, raising the foundation, and repairing barn doors, which will be on the Agenda for the next meeting in June.

6 - Adjournment

ST moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by PR and approved at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gresh, Recording Secretary